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Directorate of Social Welfare

Notification

Rules regulating grant of financial assistance to Schedule Caste persons under Housing Programme.

With a view to provide a sufficient amount for construction of house to Schedule Caste in Goa, both the schemes providing financial assistance to Schedule Caste person under Housing scheme of Directorate of Social Welfare and implemented by Rural Development Agency being clubbed together, the Government of Goa is hereby pleased to make following rules.

Rules regulating the grant of financial assistance for construction of small houses to Scheduled Castes in Goa

1. Title:

These rules shall be called the Goa grant of financial Assistance to persons belonging to Scheduled Castes for Construction of Houses Rules 1996.

These rules shall be applicable throughout the State of Goa, and shall come into force with effect from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.

2. Object:

The object of the scheme is to give financial assistance to Scheduled Caste persons for construction of houses, who are otherwise unable to have their own houses due to poverty.

3. Definition:

i) *Government*:— means the Government of Goa.

ii) *Director*:— means the Director of Social Welfare, Government of Goa.

iii) *Project Director*:— means the Project Director of Rural Development Agency, Government of Goa.

iv) *Scheduled Castes*:— means the Caste notified as such by the Government of India, in relation to the State of Goa.

v) *Family*:— means a house-hold living independently.

4. Eligibility:

For the purpose of grant of financial assistance under these rules the applicant shall fulfill the following conditions:—

i) The applicant should be bonafide resident of the State of Goa.

ii) The applicant's Caste should have been declared as Scheduled Castes under Article 341 and 342 of the Constitution of India in relation to the State of Goa.

iii) The income of the family of the applicant should not exceed Rs. 11,000/- per annum.

iv) The applicant or his family members should not own any house in his own name or in the name of his family members.

v) The applicant should hold title to the land on which the house is to be built.

vi) No financial assistance from any other Agency/ Organisation be obtained by the applicant for construction of house except for the Rural Development Agency.

5. Specification of the house to be constructed:

i) The minimum accommodation to be provided in each house should have a floor area of 25 Sq. mts. consisting living room, a multipurpose room with one door and two windows (or kitchen and a verandah), a sanitary latrine and smokeless chullah be provided in kitchen. In addition bathing platform may be provided wherever feasible.

ii) As far as possible the locally available building material may be utilised. However, the beneficiary may be permitted to use bricks or durable material for the construction of work. The roof of the house should be of timber covered with Mangalore tiles. The house and the roofs should last not less than 10 years with reasonable maintenance and repairs by the occupants.

6. Rate of Financial Assistance and mode of payment:

i) The eligible applicant shall be granted financial assistance amounting to Rs. 34,000/- as subsidy.

ii) The financial assistance shall be disbursed in two instalments as follows:—

(a) First instalment of Rs. 14,000/- of assistance shall be paid immediately by the Directorate of Social Welfare.

(b) The second instalment of Rs. 20,000/- of financial assistance shall be paid by Project Director, Rural Development Agency through the Sarpanch of the concerned Village Panchayat on production of vouchers of material purchased for construction of house or on receipt, the utilisation certificate issued by Extension Officer (RE) and signed by the Block Development Officer to the effect that the value of material purchased by the beneficiary is not less than the value of 1st instalment.

(c) The amount of financial assistance of Rs. 14,000/- shall be drawn and disbursed by the Block Development Officer and Rs. 20,000/- by the Project Director, Rural Development Agency.

7. Mode of applying:

The application for the grant of financial assistance under the rules shall be made in the prescribed form (Appendix-I). The application should be sent to the Director of Social Welfare through the Block Development Officer. Each application shall be accompanied by the following documents:—

i) The Caste Certificate issued by the Mamlatdar or any other competent authorities.

ii) Income Certificate issued by the concerned Secretaries of the Village Panchayat attested by the respective Sarpanch and countersigned by the Block Development Officer or issued by the Mamlatdar or any other competent authority prescribed for the issue of income certificate by the Government.

iii) Title to the land certificate issued by the Mamlatdar or any other authority prescribed to issue such certificate from time to time or on production of certified copy 'Sale Deed' conferring the title to the applicant or any other document authenticated showing that the applicant hold title to the land.

iv) The certificate issued by the Block Development Officer stating that applicant or his family members should not own any house in his own name or in the name of his family members.

v) The applicant should be the resident of this State for 15 years. A certificate to this effect issued by the Mamlatdar.

8. Final utilisation:

The Block Development Officer shall issue a utilisation Certificate after the house is completed.

9. Cancellation of Financial Assistance:

The grant of financial assistance shall be cancelled if at any stage the information furnished by the applicant is found either incorrect or is obtained by suppressing any material facts.

In the event of cancellation of financial assistance the entire amount shall be recovered as arrears of land revenue at the discretion of the Director of Social Welfare.

10. Other conditions:

i) The applicant shall complete the house within a period of 18 months from the date of disbursement of second instalment of financial assistance. The time limit may be extended for six months on valid ground by the Director of Social Welfare for which an application will be made by the beneficiary through the concerned Block Development Officer.

ii) The applicant shall construct the house within the prescribed time limit.

iii) In case of breach of any of the above conditions imposed on the applicant under these rules, the entire amount of financial assistance shall be treated as loan and recovered in lumpsum from the beneficiaries as arrears of land revenue at the discretion of the Director of Social Welfare.

iv) The beneficiary constructing the house by availing financial assistance under this rule shall not sell or rent the house fully or partially.

11. Grant of Financial Assistance:

i) Application for grant shall be sent in triplicate.

ii) The application received shall be inquired into by the Block Development Officer who will forward the same to the Director of Social Welfare, Panaji as the case may be alongwith his recommendations.

iii) The applications received shall be scrutinised by the Director of Social Welfare.

iv) The Director of Social Welfare and Project Director, Rural Development Agency shall be the sanctioning authority for the respective portion of assistance released by them. The decision of Director of Social Welfare regarding the selection or rejection of the grant of financial assistance shall be final.

12. Interpretation and relaxation:

i) The Director of Social Welfare shall be the final authority concerning the interpretation of these rules.

ii) The Government may relax any of the provision of these rules for good and sufficient reasons.

13. Repeal:

Consequent upon these rules coming into force, the scheme of financial assistance for construction of residential houses by Scheduled Castes presently in force shall stand repealed.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Goa.

P. S. Nadkarni, Director of Social Welfare and Ex-officio Joint Secretary.

Panaji, 15th January, 1999.